

# Aponte Pirates (Human Traffickers)

Gianluigi Aponte is an Italian billionaire residing in Geneva Switzerland and owns Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) which is the second largest shipping company in the world. Gianluigi Aponte was born in Naples and is worth around 6 billion. His son Diego Aponte is the President and CEO of MSC. Gianluigi Aponte was awarded the Neapolitan Excellence in the World title in 2009 by the former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Silvio Berlusconi has been tied with La Cosa Nostra in various ways and was a member of the P2 Masonic Lodge in Italy known for being a "shadow government" involved with political corruption connected with media, banking, mafia, intelligence agencies, and the Vatican. Another member of P2 was Prince Vittorio Emanuele IV of Savoy who is the Prince of Naples just as Gianluigi Aponte was born in Naples. The House of Savoy also ruled over Geneva Switzerland and have a residence there today where Gianluigi Aponte lives. Prince Vittorio also has direct ties with organized crime as he has been charged with murder, exploitation of prostitution, and corruption involving a gambling racket with slot machines. Prince Vittorio got off on all these charges. Prince Vittorio is also married to Marina Doria from the banking family of Genoa and the Savoyes have a Savoy branch in Genoa. The Marino family originated in Genoa as politicians in the Republic of Genoa. The name Marino means "relative of the sea" like mariner. The Marinos later established themselves in Sicily. Today Roger Marino is an Italian-American billionaire that co-founded EMC Corporation which was purchased by Dell and now called Dell EMC. Roger Marino is currently on the board of directors for TechTarget a digital marketing company. Camorra is a large international crime syndicate with various clans like the Nuvoletta Mafia operating out of Naples and they are involved in smuggling and even human trafficking as well as other criminal activities. The Letta family with Enrico Letta and Gianni Letta are Italian politicians tied with Silvio Berlusconi and appear to be connected with the Nuvoletta Camorra mafia clan. In recent years the Sicilian Mafia and Camorra have been caught involved in trafficking Africans into Italy and Europe and then extorting them and prostituting women. The MSC is relevant because it is covertly working with some high level mafias and involved with drugs, weapons, and human trafficking. Recently in 2017 MSC purchased 49% of Ignazio Messina & C. which is a Genova based shipping and container company. Pontus was a Greek name for bridge and also for sea and specifically the Mediterranean Sea. Through their control over ports they are able to bridge their criminal networks together.